In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes in these Claims are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device comprising:

lower and upper substrates facing each other;

a liquid crystal layer between the lower and upper substrates;

a first polarizing plate on the upper substrate;

a second polarizing plate below the lower substrate, the second polarizing plate comprising a first adhesive layer, a first passivation layer, a polarizer, a second passivation layer, a second adhesive layer, a λ/4 phase shift plate, a third adhesive layer, a Cholesteric Liquid Crystal (CLC) layer, a third passivation layer, and ~~a passivation layer and~~ a light-diffusion layer having a plurality of projection on a surface thereof; and

a backlight unit below the second polarizing plate,

wherein the light-diffusion layer directly contacts the third passivation layer, wherein the light-diffusion layer produces an amount of Haze, and a density of the projections of the light-diffusion layer is less than a density of beads that would have to be added to ~~one of~~ the third adhesive layer to obtain the same amount of Haze.

12. (Currently Amended) The LCD device of claim 11, wherein ~~the second polarizing plate comprises a first adhesive layer, a first passivation layer, a polarizer, a second passivation layer, a second adhesive layer, a λ/4 phase shift plate, a third adhesive layer, a Cholesteric Liquid Crystal (CLC) layer, a third passivation layer, and the light-diffusion layer in order of proximity to the lower substrate, wherein the third passivation directly contacts the light-diffusion layer, wherein~~ the third adhesive layer is devoid of added beads.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The LCD device of claim 141, wherein the plurality of projections have round shapes.

16. (Currently Amended) The LCD device of claim 141, wherein the plurality of projections have smooth curves.

17. (Original) The LCD device of claim 11, wherein the backlight unit comprises a light-scattering means.

18. (Original) The LCD device of claim 17, wherein the light-scattering means comprises a light-diffusion plate, a first prism sheet above the light-diffusion plate, and a second prism sheet above the first prism sheet.

19. (Previously Presented) The LCD device of claim 11, wherein a total of Haze of the first polarizing plate and Haze of the second polarizing plate is at least about 40%.

20. (Original) The LCD device of claim 11, wherein the light-diffusion layer is adjacent to the backlight unit.

21. (Original) The LCD device of claim 20, wherein no additional layers are disposed between the light-diffusion layer and the backlight unit.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The LCD device of claim 141, wherein the projections contact the backlight unit.

24. (Currently Amended) The LCD device of claim 141, wherein the projections contacting the backlight unit have shapes that do not substantially damage the backlight unit.

25-40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device comprising:

lower and upper substrates facing each other;

a liquid crystal layer between the lower and upper substrates;

a first polarizing plate on the upper substrate; and

a second polarizing plate below the lower substrate, the second polarizing plate comprising a passivation layer and a light diffusion layer,

wherein a thin layer is the only layer disposed between the passivation layer and the light diffusion layer; and

a backlight unit below the second polarizing plate,

wherein the thin layer is thinner than the passivation layer.